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SUBJECT: SOUTH AFRICAN PARTICIPATION IN NPT EXPORTERS
COMMITTEE

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1. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH SUGGEST EMBASSY PRETORIA, ON
OCCASION ECON COUNSELOR APPOINTMENT WITH VICE-PRESIDENT
AEB HUGO JULY 18, URGE SOUTH AFRICA JOIN IN EXCHANGING
BILATERAL UNDERSTANDINGS AUGUST 15 WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTS
REPRESENTED IN NPT EXPORTERS (ZANGGER) COMMITTEE, DESCRIBED
REFTEL B.

2. AS NOTED PARA 10 REFTEL B, SOUTH AFRICA (REPRESENTED
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BY AMB. VON SCHIRNDING) HAD NO POSITION ON QUESTION

DURING JULY 2-3 MEETINGS, AND THERE WAS GENERAL SUPPORT FOR CALL FOR APPEAL BY ALL MEMBERS OF GROUP TO SOUTH AFRICA TO ASSOCIATE ITSELF WITH ACTION BY GROUP, AS NOTED PARAS 5 AND 7 REFTEL C.

3. SOUTH AFRICA HAD BEEN INVITED TO JOIN GROUP ALMOST THREE YEARS AGO, WHEN GROUP WAS ABOUT TO BEGIN FORMULATING PROCEDURES FOR EXPORT OF NUCLEAR MATERIALS, AND HAS ATTENDED EVERY MEETING SINCE, BUT ONLY AS OBSERVER, IN ACCORDANCE ITS WISHES. SOUTH AFRICA HAD NOT RPT NOT BEEN INVITED TO JOIN COMMITTEE IN INITIAL PHASE WHEN PROCEDURES FOR EXPORT OF SPECIALIZED EQUIPMENT AND MATERIAL WERE BEING CONSIDERED, ON BASIS THAT, AT THAT TIME (1970 AND EARLY 1971) THERE WAS NO INDICATION THAT SOUTH AFRICA WOULD BE SIGNIFICANT EXPORTER SUCH ITEMS. AFTER SOUTH AFRICA BEGAN ATTENDING MEETINGS, HOWEVER, ITS REPRESENTATIVE TOOK ACTIVE PART IN FURTHER DISCUSSION OF PROCEDURES FOR EXPORT OF EQUIPMENT AND NON-NUCLEAR MATERIAL, AS WELL AS THOSE FOR NUCLEAR MATERIAL.

4. IN LIGHT STATEMENTS REPORTED REFTEL A, AND MAJOR SOUTH AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT EFFORT IN URANIUM ENRICHMENT,

SOUTH AFRICA SHOULD BE URGED TO SUBSCRIBE TO MEMORANDUM ADDRESSING EXPORTS OF SPECIALIZED EQUIPMENT AND MATERIAL, AS WELL AS MEMORANDUM ADDRESSING EXPORTS OF NUCLEAR MATERIAL (I.E., BOTH NATURAL URANIUM AND ENRICHED URANIUM, PLUTONIUM AND OTHER SPECIAL FISSIONABLE MATERIAL). INDICATION TO SECRETARY OF COMMITTEE BY AUGUST 8 OF ITS WILLINGNESS EXCHANGE DIPLOMATIC NOTES ON AUGUST 15 WITH OTHER PARTICIPATING GOVERNMENTS WOULD BE POSITIVE DEMONSTRATION OF "WISDOM" IN UTILIZATION ITS TRADING POSITION, NOTED PARA 2 REFTEL A. PORTER

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